# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

# 2019 WARRANT



# TOWN OF TEWKSBURY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## **Finance Committee Public Hearing**

**April 24, 2019** 7:00 P.M. Town Hall

# **Special Town Meeting**

May 8, 2019 7:00 P.M. Tewksbury Memorial High School

Town of Tewksbury Website: <a href="http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov">http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov</a>
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### TOWN MEETING GUIDELINES

- \*\* Voters and Visitors shall have their identification ribbons conspicuously displayed.
- \*\* Visitors shall sit in the designated VISITORS SECTION unless they are assigned to a designated area.
- \*\* Standing at the doors or in the aisles inside the gymnasium or auditorium is prohibited.
- \*\* No one shall enter the gymnasium or auditorium while voting is in progress.
- \*\* Everyone shall be at a seat so as to allow the vote to be counted without hindrance.
- \*\* Collecting signatures upon petitions or nomination papers is prohibited in the building where the Town Meeting is being held.
- \*\* Food and beverages are not allowed in the gymnasium or auditorium as per order of the School Committee.
- \*\* Smoking is not allowed in the School Building or on School Property.
- \*\* To prevent active interference with the conduct of the Town Meeting, any person taping, videotaping or using any other means of sonic reproduction is assigned to the designated Press Table or the side aisle perimeters of the gymnasium or auditorium.

This meeting is being held at a site which is physically accessible to persons with disabilities. For further information please call 978-640-4355.

CART services need to be requested as early as possible, as CART providers often fill their schedule 2-3 months in advance. Other reasonable accommodations for disability related needs will be provided upon request.

FACEBOOK: Library: www.facebook.com/TewksburyLib

Tewksbury Farmers Market: www.facebook.com/pages/Tewksbury-Farmers-Market/1503117429909936

Town: www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Tewksbury/393895750722817

**TWITTER:** Library: @TewksburyLib Police: @TewksburyPD Tewksbury Farmers Market: @FarmerMkt

WEBSITE: Library's Website: www.tewksburypl.org/Pages/index Town's Website: www.tewksbury-ma.gov

Town: @TownofTewksbury

#### Middlesex, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Tewksbury, in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tewksbury, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant Street, in said Tewksbury on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. to act on the following articles:

### **ARTICLE 1**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds into the Following FY2019 Departmental Budgets; or take any action related thereto:

DEPT	ACCOUNT		BUDGET
	ORG	OBJECT	SHORTFALL
Accounting Regular Salaries	1011351	5120	15,100
Assessors Professional Services	1011412	5310	11,472
Administrative Services Part-Time	1011531	5120	5,000
Town Hall Energy Utilities	1011922	5210	18,000
Town Hall Non-Energy Utilities	1011922	5230	8,000
Town Hall All Other	1011922	5381	1,000
Building Regular Salaries	1042411	5111	6,120
Fire Salaries	1042201	5160	68,540
Fire Operating-Repairs and Maintenance	1042202	5240	12,000
Fire Operating-Facility Maintenance	1042202	5402	2,000
Street Lighting	1064242	5210	20,000
Solid Waste Disposal- Solid Waste Collection	1074252	5291	90,000
Town Facilities and Grounds Energy and Utilities	1096302	5210	2,500
Town Facilities and Grounds Repairs and Maintenance	1096302	5240	5,000
Town Facilities and Grounds All Other	1096302	5423	4,000
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Tech. School District	10858402	5652	67,191
Medicare Tax	1109152	5740	30,000
TOTAL SHORTFALL			365,923

Said sum to be transferred from the following available funds:

DEPT	ACC	ACCOUNT	
	ORG	OBJECT	SURPLUS
Town Group Insurance	1109142	5711	167,732
School Group Insurance	1053002	5711	67,191
Assessors Salaries	1011411	5111	4,000
Library Salaries	1096101	5111	30,000
Community Development Salaries	1011751	5111	10,000
Town Clerk's Salaries	1011611	5111	10,000
Town Property and Liability Insurance	1109452	5760	77,000
TOTAL SURPLUS			365,923

Town Manager

**Executive Summary:** This article transfers funds from accounts with a projected surplus to accounts with a projected deficit or to accounts to allow for the purchase of needed items or services.

### **ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$600,000 into the FY2019 DPW Snow & Ice Budget as follows or take any action relative thereto.

Department	Account	Amount	
DPW Snow & Ice-Salaries	1064231-5130	116,000	
DPW Snow & Ice-Operating	Various Accounts	423,435	
DPW Snow & Ice-Capital Outlay	1064233-5890	60,565	
Total Transfers In		600,000	

Said sum to be transferred from the following available funds:

Department	7	Account	Amount
July 1, 2018 Certified Free Cash (Surplus Revenue)	1	1-3590	\$600,000.00
Total Transfers Out			\$600,000.00

Town Manager

**Executive Summary:** This article utilizes Free Cash certified as of July 1, 2018 to fund Department of Public Works - Snow and Ice due to the amount of snow and ice events during the winter which exceeded the amount budgeted.

### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the sum of \$17,492 from Town Property and Liability Insurance to pay for the following outstanding bills from the previous year; or take any action relative thereto.

Lowell General Hospital/Occupational Medicine	\$ 3,759
Middlesex Retirement System	\$ 13,733
Total	\$ 17,492

Town Manager

**Executive Summary:** According to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 § 64, bills that are late must be approved by Town Meeting before payment. This article authorizes the charges to be paid.

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Town Meeting: A duly called meeting in which all Town of Tewksbury registered voters are eligible to participate to act upon fiscal issues, zoning changes, bylaw amendments, and other matters affecting the Town. Each voter has one vote in the decision making process. The Annual Town Meeting is held each May to decide issues for the fiscal year starting July first. Special Town Meeting(s) may be called at other times, to address issues that cannot wait for the next Annual Town Meeting, a Special Town Meeting is called by the Board of Selectmen; or by a petition of 200 registered voters.

<u>Warrant</u>: Public notice of business to be considered at the Town Meeting. It is publicly posted in each Precinct throughout the Town, on the Town's Website <a href="http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/board-of-selectmen/pages/town-warrants">http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/board-of-selectmen/pages/town-warrants</a> and describes all of the Articles which will be acted upon at the Town Meeting.

<u>Article(s):</u> Individual subjects are described in the articles so that all voters are warned of potential action to be taken. The scope of each article sets the bounds of action that may be taken. Articles are submitted by the Town Departments or by voter petitions. Articles submitted by voter petitions require ten (10) or more registered voter's signatures for insertion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and one hundred (100) or more registered voter's signatures for insertion in a Special Town Meeting Warrant.

General Information: The Moderator presides at the Town Meeting and is responsible for the ruling on procedural matters, overseeing an orderly debate, announcing the result of all votes and preserving decorum. The proceedings are governed by Town Meeting Time, a handbook of parliamentary law prepared under the auspices of the Massachusetts Moderators Association. This guide may be simpler and easier to understand than the more widely known and consulted Robert's Rules of Order. Copies are available for reference at the Town Clerk's Office, Board of Selectmen's Office and the Tewksbury Public Library. Registered voters are entitled to attend, address and vote at the Meeting. Visitors may attend the meeting and shall sit in the "reserved for visitors" section. A voter desiring to speak should approach the microphone, await recognition by the Moderator, and identify him or herself when recognized by name and address.

Motions, Motions to Amend, and Votes Required: An Article in the Warrant states a question for the Town Meeting voters to answer. Separate issues are described in the Town Meeting Articles so that all voters are warned of potential action to be taken. The scope or intent of each Article set the bounds of action that may be taken. Customarily the Finance Committee Chairman makes the first or Main Motion or if the Article relates to the Zoning Bylaw the Planning Board Chairman will make the first or Main Motion. The sponsor or Petitioner of an article also may make the first or Main Motion. The Motion is then open for discussion by the assembly. Motions to Amend the Main Motion, which is within the scope or intent of the Article, may be made on the Town Meeting floor. Ordinarily motions require a majority vote of the voters present and voting for an Article to pass. Certain motions require a 2/3, 4/5 or a 9/10 vote to pass because of the provisions of the Town Bylaws or Massachusetts General Laws. The Moderator will announce the voting requirement before each vote requiring more than a majority vote.

<u>Motions For Indefinite Postponement of an Article</u>: A motion to Indefinitely Postpone an Article is equivalent to a motion to take no action on the Article. If the Motion to Indefinitely Postpone the Article is Adopted; the Article is defeated.

<u>Reconsideration of an Article</u>: No vote on a prior Article shall be Reconsidered except to correct a procedural defect, scrivener's error or an oversight. Reconsideration for the above exceptions requires a majority vote.

<u>Move the Question</u>: The voters have heard all the discussion that they wish to hear on the pending Article and prefer to vote at once. The Moderator shall allow those presently standing, at the time of the motion, the opportunity to be heard and then he or she will take the vote to Move the Question.

Rules to Govern Speakers: No voter shall speak twice on any one subject, if any other voter who has not spoken already and is standing to be recognized by the moderator. No voter shall speak for more than five minutes at one time, except by vote of permission of the assembly.

**Procedure for voting on appropriations:** No appropriations or transfers of money in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) by the Town at an Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be valid, when the Finance Committee has recommended a lesser amount than the Department Head has submitted to said Committee, unless the vote for said appropriation or transfer be taken by secret ballot. In no event shall a secret ballot be required for items under the budget article for a vote on the items.

<u>Amendment to Personnel By-Laws</u>: In any case where an amendment to the personnel By-Laws is proposed and such amendment changes the salaries of Town employees, the vote of said amendment shall be by secret ballot.

And you are directed to serve the within Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof upon the Town Hall and in each precinct, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting; also, leaving additional copies at the Town Hall or at such convenient places as the Selectmen shall think proper in said Town of Tewksbury.

HEREOF, FAIL NOT, AND MAKE DUE RETURNS OF THIS WARRANT, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

Jay Kelly Chairman

Mark Kratman, Vice Chairman

Jayne-Wellman Miller, Clerk

Brian H. Dick

Anne Marie Stronach